

Washington's Farewell Address 1796 (excerpts)

<u>Terminology</u>	
Inveterate antipathies – constant hatred typical; routine	Habitual –
Animosity – hostility; dislike	Insidious
wiles – crafty tricks	

Observe good faith and justice towards all Nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all....

Nothing is more essential than that permanent, **inveterate antipathies** against particular nations and passionate attachments for others should be excluded.... The Nation, which indulges towards another an **habitual** hatred or an **habitual** fondness, is in some degree a slave. It is a slave to its **animosity** or to its affection, either of which is sufficient to lead it astray from its duty and its interest....

Against the **insidious wiles** of foreign influence...the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly awake, since history and experience prove that foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of republic Government....

The great rule of conduct for us, in regard to foreign Nations, is, in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little Political connection as possible....

'T is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances, with any portion of the foreign world....

Taking care always to keep ourselves, by suitable establishments, on a respectable defensive posture, we may safely trust to temporary alliances for extraordinary emergencies....

QUESTIONS

1. What you believe President Washington means to 'observe good faith and justice toward all Nations'?
2. What is President Washington's general opinion on the issue of the United States relationship with foreign nations?

3. Based on your knowledge of the American Revolution, why would President Washington have this perspective?